



MARTINI, REMARKABLE MOM



By Jolene Regan



When Martini came to us she was expecting kittens, and we never dreamed that she would become our shelter's feline hero. A beautiful, sweet Calico, Martini was among a group of cats and kittens that came to us from another shelter who were not able to continue her care. We found a dedicated foster to look after her until she gave birth to 5 kittens.

Martini's natural instincts took over as she provided comfort, warmth and nourishment to her little ones in need. When her kittens were

five weeks old, two orphaned kittens were brought in to Burlington Humane. Because they were so small, we started looking for a foster that would be able to bottle-feed them. On a hunch, we presented the two kittens to Martini. She enthusiastically accepted them even though they were a few weeks younger than her own.

When Martini's kittens were old enough to be adopted, we brought the whole group to the shelter and the five original kittens were very quickly adopted.

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*Happy Holidays from the Board
and Staff at Burlington Humane.*

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BurlingtonHumane.ca

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President's Message

By Andrew Mack



This is the time of year that we often reflect on the past and make future plans. 2024 marks the 50th Anniversary of Burlington Humane and we can definitely be proud of everything we have accomplished in those years. Our goal 50 years ago was to save as many dogs from animal control as possible. Provincial laws at that time allowed (or forced) municipal shelters to give or sell certain breeds to research facilities. This law changed many years ago, and as dog licencing became the law, dogs were more often to be returned to their owners. Over the years, stray cats became the

larger concern, and many were euthanized. With organizations like Burlington Humane supporting no-kill mandates, municipal shelters have been forced to change their practices, reduce euthanasias, and find homes for the unwanted animals.

Supporters and volunteers have been integral to this change, and have provided Burlington Humane's stray and abandoned animals a bright future. Whether it is through your time spent volunteering or the generosity of your

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Start the new year off right with our 2024 Burlington Humane Calendar.

Makes a great gift.

Available at Burlington Humane for just \$20.00

**She's there for you.
Be there for her!**

**Take Pet First Aid.
Next course is
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Here at
Burlington Humane.**

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donations, each of you help us achieve our goal of providing the best care for our animals. That cute kitten or puppy that everyone falls in love with, or that “senior” or special-needs cat or dog, we strive to find each a new forever home.

The New Year will also be bringing some much-needed changes to our shelter, and some exciting events for our supporters. If you use social media, I encourage everyone to download one of the social platforms to keep up-to-date on the animals, events, and items of interest at the shelter. If not, we will try to keep you better updated through newsletters.

Thank you all for your kindness and unwavering dedication throughout the years. In this newsletter, there is information on many ways volunteers bring happiness to both the community and the animals in need. Together, we can continue to contribute to our goal of making (and keeping) Burlington a more humane city for the animals. Our job is never-ending.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Executive Director’s Message

By Doug Shirton



The past year we have transformed many stray and abandoned animals into healthy happy pets.

We have undertaken to expand our diverse programs to pet owners in Burlington and surrounding communities. We provide Pet First Aid Courses, Kids Club programs and Pet Therapy. Our two second hand stores, the Loft and the Attic, offer the best prices in Burlington! With our special events and fundraising initiatives, we enhance the overall quality of life for our animals and the residents of our city.

I am deeply grateful to each staff member, whose tireless efforts and expertise shape the daily operation of Burlington Humane, and contribute to the health and well-being of the animals in our care.

Our volunteers are the backbone of BHS! Whether it is a comforting word to a scared animal, an extra moment of play, or the

countless behind-the-scene tasks that often go unnoticed, your compassion is inspiring. As we work together, we are proud of the many animals who have received health care, love and found new forever homes. Every time one leaves BHS to it’s new home, a bell rings lightly and everyone at the shelter gathers around to give that lucky animal a send-off, and good wishes for both the adopters and animal as they leave. It is a sad/happy time for all of us!

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors



CONGRATULATIONS!

By Jolene Regan



Patricia Howard

This year four volunteers celebrated incredible milestones in their journey through their years of service.

Patricia Howard and Jolene Regan have reached 30 years and Johanne Ambis and Richard Howard reached 25 years! They have seen many changes, weathered challenges, celebrated triumphs and most importantly, made a lasting difference in the lives of the cats and dogs at Burlington Humane.



Jolene Regan

Our success is a testament to their dedication and a shining example to each and every person committed to Burlington Humane. We hope that they will inspire others to continue to volunteer or join our volunteer base. Thank you Patricia, Jolene, Johanne and Richard for your continued support, dedication and belief in our mission! Here's to many more years of making a positive impact together!

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Martini continued to nurse the two orphaned kittens and everyone at the shelter celebrated the bond that Martini had made with them. The kittens were just at that age where they were learning all of their “manners” and often played with MOM, jumping on her, teasing her and acting like kittens should. Mom just put up with their shenanigans and occasionally moved away from them trying to get some “mom time”! It didn’t last long and the kittens were back wanting to nurse. It was so sweet to witness, and through her care and devotion, the last two kittens were old enough to be adopted – together!

Seven kittens found their forever homes due to the selfless and boundless love of Martini. Martini, a very sweet young cat, is just now ready to get spayed and she will be ready to find her own forever home.



Richard Howard



Johanne Ambis

The Loft and The Attic

Burlington Humane's second hand stores.

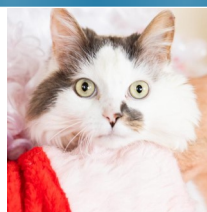
Purchase a wide variety of gently used Christmas decorations, table centre pieces, candles, crockery and clothing ; everything you need to get ready for the season.

The Attic
479 John Street

The Loft (At BHS)
740 Griffith Court

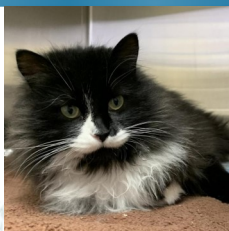
There's no Place like Home for the Holidays

Meet some of our Residents who have been Waiting for their Forever Homes for over a Year!!



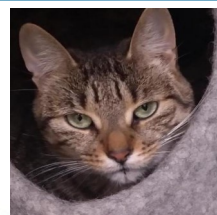
Husky

- 11 year old male
- Is Diabetic
- Waiting 13 months



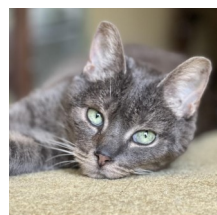
Opal

- 6 year old female
- Is FIV+
- Waiting 13 months



Cher

- 2 year old female
- Needs socializing
- Waiting 13 months



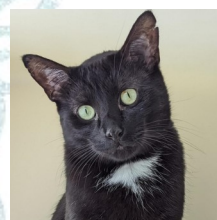
Digs

- 9 year old female
- Has Irritable Bowel Disease
- Waiting 25 months



Precious

- 9 year old male
- Diabetic
- Needs daily injections
- Waiting 17 months



Spinelli

- 4 year old male
- Spicy personality
- Waiting 13 months

Wish List

Durable Dog and Cat Toys

Cat Crates/Carriers

Cardboard Scratch Pads for Cats

Facial Tissues

Healthy Cat and Dog Treats

1/4 Measuring cups

Canadian Tire Money

8.5 x 11 Printer Paper

Canada & U.S. Stamps

Gift Certificates from Pet Food or Grocery Stores

Royal Canin Kitten/Cat and Puppy/Dog Food

We are a Royal Canin sponsored shelter and ideally like to feed all of our animals Royal Canin food. However, from time to time we get 'picky' cats and therefore like to have other options in case, such as: Purina Kitten Chow, PVD Kitten (canned), Hills Science Diet Pate, Friskies, Whiskas & Snappy Tom.

5 HOLIDAY PLANTS TO KEEP AWAY FROM YOUR PETS

1. PINE NEEDLES
2. MISTLETOE
3. AMARYLLIS
4. HOLLY
5. POINTSETTIA

Let There Be More Cats!

By Sylvia Patrizio

Since 1984, dedicated BHS volunteers and their therapy dogs have paraded through the decades, visiting retirement and nursing homes in Burlington, spreading joy to generations of seniors.

The therapeutic benefits of dog interactions are well-documented and increasingly popular. Underrepresented and less widespread, cats also make wonderful therapy companions.

BHS introduced therapy cats into its program in 2018. By 2020, there were eight cats - all different, a cat for every taste, all loving and sociable.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, something amazing happened: for the first time in the history of the BHS Pet Therapy Program, visits by therapy cats outnumbered visits by therapy dogs!

Going forward, BHS continues this upward trend, inviting owners and their four-legged companions to join the pet therapy program. The satisfaction is worth the effort. Let there be more therapy dogs, but also, let there be more therapy cats!



Cats are often stereotyped as independent and demure, interacting on their own terms - a misrepresented stereotype! Like their canine counterpart, not all cats are created equal. Sociable cats are known to give attention, cuddles and companionship to a wide array of humans. Cats are, in fact, very intuitive to human body language and understand when people need extra love. They have a calming demeanor, a reassuring “purr” of contentment, which is ideal for relaxation and healing. They provide an emotional comfort that is evident on the faces of seniors whom they visit.

Get your **Christmas Baskets**

Now being sold at BHS and the Loft Store; prices starting at \$7 and up. Avoid disappointment by shopping early!



Join us for our

**Burlington Humane
Kids Club**

Thursdays, 7pm–
8pm

10 Week Sessions
For 6–12 year old
animal enthusiasts.

For more information,
visit our website at:

www.BurlingtonHumane.ca



In Memory Donations - October 2022 to October 2023



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Thank you everyone for all of your wonderful support! With your generosity we can continue to provide aid and care to homeless and abandoned animals. Knowing that our community cares is a true blessing. We hope to continue to make you all proud!

In Memory of People

Allie
Andrea Dunn
Anna Aniol
Anne Leigh Wallace
Barbara Ann Byers
Beverley Ling
Bill J. Maynard
Bill Steele
Bob Trodd
Brenda Dale Robertson
Brenda Joan Reader
Brenda Newman
Bruce Buckingham
Bud Howard
Caitlyn Bishop
Cheryl Rintoul
Chris Johnson
Christopher Lotko
Clarence Craig
Cyril Whaley
Daniella Gramata
David
David Ian Campbell
Dennis Langford
Dierks Hoffman
Donald Toon
Doris Christina Lunn
Dorothy Uddenberg
Douglas Robinson
Dr. Cheryl Lorean Rintoul
Edward Versluis
Emma Neizvestny
Frank Patterson
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Geoffrey Dabner
Gordon Wheeler

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John Mackie
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Marguerite Rodgers
Mark S.

Marty Perusini
Mary Bedard
Mary Berry
Mary Plumb
Mary 'Toots' Knight
Matthew Rose
Michelle Pilon
Mother
Mrs. Christine Carpenter
Mrs. Schien
Muriel Pearce
Naomi Shymko
Norm & Dan Proulx
Oscar Gibson
Oscar Matthews
Our beloved dear Mother
Pauline Ann Wallace
Pearl Lynn Hall
Penny Edwards
Pete
Pete Munslow
Peter Deyugin
Presley
Robert Edward "Ted" Anstice
Robert Hawkins
Robert Trodd
Ron Widdup
Sam Worlidge
Sean Lett
Shalini
Sharon Dyson Campbell
Shirley Sutton
Signy Austen
Stephen Richard Mine
Sylvia Cox
Ted Broadbent
Turdy Rawlings
Uncle Pork

Wendy McIntosh
William McCauley

In Memory of Dogs

Abby
Arthur
Bailey
Baxter
Beamish
Bella
Berkley
Bronson
Brooke Richard
Bruce
Brutus
Casey
Champ
Charles Ingalls Daley
Charlie
Chloe O'Neil
CJ Gerrard
Cooper
Crosby
Daisy
Dave
Davy
Diaz
Dobby
Donovan
Dougie
Dutch
Einstein
Forest
Forrest
Harlee
Havoc
Henry
Indy
Jackson

Jake
Jerry S. Makorov
Kelly
Kenny & Gideon
Koda
Landon
Lexie
Lilly
Linus
Lucy
Luna
Luthe
Maggie
Max
Miko
Mojo
Molly
Montye
Norman
Oakley
Odie Dunn
Peanut "Love Bug"
Paget
Phoebe
Piper
Princess
Riley
Rook
Rosco
Rosie



We sincerely appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Thank you so much for all your generosity. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

In Memory of Cats

Abby	Lou Lou
Blackie	Lucy
Buttercup	Mando
Casey - In loving memory of the precious stray we rescued.	Mandy
Cinders & Willow	Mini Ng
Cora	Moki
Craig Lomas	Molly
Cruiser and Marble	Morris Routery
Dot	Mr. Hook & Crew
Dumas	Ollie & Maisie
Dustin	Oreo
Echo	Ozzy and Sammy
Ella Zahavich	Pepper
Emma & Maple	Phantom
Fawzie, Mo, Pooka, Guido,	Pleakley
Olivia	Ponce
Finiam	Puddy
Finn and Hunter	Pumpkin
Foxy	Rachel
Gail Falkner	Rocky & Boo Bear
Karl	Smokey, Casper and Cleo
Kyia	Stuart Roy
Lily	Whiskey, Daquiri, Bacardi,
Link Ehsan	Annisette
Lola Bear Berner	Winnie

Consider Ongoing Support



Monthly donors are very important to Burlington Humane. They provide an ongoing stable source of income for budgeting. These funds help provide a safe

place for stray and abandoned animals of Burlington, while also providing top quality medical attention and shelter care. There are many ways to donate. Visit our website for more information.

You can also make a legacy bequest to Burlington Humane in your Will. This will ensure that your support lasts long into the future.

If you would like more information on becoming a monthly donor through automatic bank withdrawals or leaving a legacy bequest in your Will, please contact BHS at (905) 637-7325.

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Pet Gift Baskets, Catnip Mice, In Memory or In Honour donations. Or unusual items from our second hand shops, the Loft and the Attic.

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Phone donations: (905) 637-7325; E-Transfer donations: admin@burlingtonhumane.ca

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